

NAVASSA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 18, 2009

7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eulis Willis, Mayor
Melvin Walker, Councilman
Milton Burns, Councilman

Craig Suggs, Councilman
Jerry Merrick, Councilman
Michael Ballard, Councilman

STAFF PRESENT

Michelyn Alston, Administrative Assistant
Claudia Bray, Town Administrator
Jay Murphy, Police Officer

Al Beatty, Zoning Administrator
Travis Barnes, Planner

CITIZENS & VISITORS PRESENT

Darlene Jones
Mildred Beatty
Louise Willis
Ella Beatty
Dolly Delgado
Edward McKinnon

Dorsey Jones, Jr
Nemiah Holiday
Herbert Willis
Jimmy Thomas
Frank Willis

Councilman Ballard led the prayer.
Mayor Willis called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BALLARD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SUGGS THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING WAS RECEIVED AND ADOPTED WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

GOVERNANCE

Mayor informed the public about the application that was sent to the Department of Commerce for funding of the community center.

Town Administrator and Planner will attend a workshop on energy as part of the stimulus funding opportunity.

VENDOR

Mike Kozlosky of DOT was unable to attend meeting to speak on the 17-Bypass. Mayor will reschedule and informed public of meeting time and date.

COUNCILMAN BALLARD MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WALKER TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION TO BLOCK DOT PROPOSED DELAY OF 17-BYPASS. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

FOLLOWUPS ACTIONS

COUNCILMAN SUGGS MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURNS TO RENEW THE AUDITORS CONTRACT. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

The budget workshop and charter workshop will be held June 24th at 5:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Willis presented the consent agenda.

COUNCILMAN BALLARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND EACH ITEM AS PRESENTED. AFTER A SECOND FROM COUNCILMAN WALKER, THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

- ✓ Interlocal Agreement for Brunswick Connector (located in the agreement book)
- ✓ Records Retention schedule (filed with town clerk)

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Zoning Administrator gave the following report:

1. The planning board has started the process of drafting a noise/nuisance ordinance that will eventually be sent to Town Council for review. The ordinance is designed to provide the Town with the ability to abate nuisances such as loud noises, junked vehicles, trash, and other sources of blight. Due to the fact that the Town is in a transition period in which future growth is anticipated, careful consideration will be given to balancing the Town's need for improved aesthetics and quality of life issues with that of the existing state of the Town and the ability of its residents to adhere to any new polices. The Planning Board's intent is not to cause any hardship to the Town's residents but rather to prevent future sources of blight while gradually resolving existing issues.
2. All future revisions or changes to the Draft Zoning Ordinance that is currently being reviewed by the Town Council will be addressed through the text amendment process. Staff is working on changing some of the zoning colors on the associated Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map in order to better distinguish some districts from others; however this does not need to go through the text amendment process. Additionally, staff has set up a meeting with the Cape Fear Council of Governments in order to receive assistance with updating the existing GIS system to incorporate the new Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map.

3. A formal protest petition in regards to a rezoning associated with the draft Zoning Ordinance was filed with the Planning Department by the Wilmington River Club, LLC. Due to the filing of this protest petition the Town Council is advised that a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is now required in order to pass the proposed Zoning Ordinance and associated Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map. (Attachment 1)
4. At the last planning board meeting a minor subdivision for Adam Lisk was approved for the creation of four new lots from his larger parcel at the end of Dorsey Lane.
5. Staff has formed the Technical Review Committee, per the requirements of the new Subdivision Ordinance that was adopted in March 10, 2009. This committee is comprised of representatives from the Navassa Police Department, Brunswick County Health Department, Brunswick County Utilities and other professionals and has the responsibility of helping the Planning Board and staff review application for all major subdivisions.
6. The Planning Board has a training session on June 25th at 6:00 pm at the Leland Town Hall and the next scheduled Planning Board meeting is Wednesday, July 8th at 7:30 pm.

The planner gave the following update:

Staff met with the Division of Water Quality today in order to develop a work plan for creating a new Storm water Ordinance that is required as part of our Storm water permit. Staff will begin to hold open meetings for the public in order to help spread awareness of storm water issues in our area. The creation of Environmental and Storm water Advisory Committee will be central to getting this process started.

The Planning Board request action from Council on the Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

COUNCILMAN WALKER MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BALLARD TO TABLE THE LAND USE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE VOTE UNTIL JUNE 24TH AT 4:00 P.M. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor made the following update:

- The engineer is in the process of getting the permit for Phoenix Sewer.
- The Water Management Plan has been accept and now can proceed with getting the permit needed for Phoenix Water.
- In discussion with attorney regarding acquiring town lot for the CDBG project.

COUNCILMAN MERRICK MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SUGGS TO ALLOW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE THE RADIOS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN WALKER MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERRICK TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET 2008-2009 OVERSPENT ITEMS. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. (ATTACHMENT 2)

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Councilman Ballard reported he spoke with Anthony Law and Allen Pope regarding the water drainage issue on Cedar Hill Road. DOT is still in the process of cleaning out the ditches on Cedar Hill Road and the new speed limit signs have been installed.

Councilman Walker reported that Brunswick County is taking application to repair area homes. Walker is on the selection committee for that program and will have application available.

Councilman Burns reported that Robert Walker from Progress Energy and himself went through the area to evaluate where more street lights are needed.

CITIZENS

Dorsey Jones had the following comments and questions:

- Phoenix Concern Citizen Group celebrated their one year anniversary.
- Wanted to know the status of the Water/Sewer for Phoenix area.
- Ask Councilman Ballard about some of his concerns he see for District 3.

Mayor restated again about the water/sewer for the Phoenix area. Councilman Ballard informed Jones he would give him a dossier after the meeting.

Mildred Beatty ask when the application from Brunswick County about home repair be ready and is there anything being done about the mosquitoes.

Darlene Jones asks if Navassa Sand Company can do something to help with the mosquitoes since they have a lot of holes that hold water. Also, in the past she was unable to get flood insurance wanting to know if the status has changed. The board replied that they would investigate to see what could be done regarding the Navassa Sand Company and she can obtain flood insurance now.

Ella Beatty asks if council was looking into recycling. The Planner replied that he has started investigating the recycle issue.

Frank Willis asks why is the Navassa Fire Department rating so badly which causes the insurance to be high and if there is anything that can be done. Mayor informed him that the problem is there are not enough people volunteering for the Department.

Mildred Beatty suggests that the Town gets its own fire department and paid fire fighter instead of a community building.

Al Beatty asks if the information regarding the applications for Brunswick County home repair can be placed on the website and CTY.

Ernest Briant asks how soon the mosquito spraying will begin in town.

Richard Watson made the suggestion that council purchase a microphone so citizens in the hallway could hear what is being said when over crowding occurs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor asks for a motion to go into executive session to discuss Litigation.

COUNCILMAN SUGGS MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERRICK TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN WALKER MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURNS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR

ADJOURN

COUNCILMAN WALKER MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BALLARD TO CLOSE THE RECESS MEETING OF MAY 21ST. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN WALKER MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BURNS TO RECESS THE TOWN MEETING UNTIL JUNE 24TH AT 4:00. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Approval Date: **AUGUST 20,2009**